

Outline for MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION: Protecting Public Safety, Local Control, and Taxpayer Resources

What Is This Resolution?

This proposed resolution clarifies how Medina County government and the Medina County Jail interact with US Immigration and Enforcement (ICE).

Its purpose is to ensure county resources are used for local public safety and community services, not federal civil immigration enforcement.

What the Resolution DOES

Keeps local control over county priorities

Strengthens public safety by encouraging everyone to report crimes

Uses county tax dollars responsibly and reduces legal and financial risk for Medina County

Provides clear guidance for county staff and law enforcement

Protects residents from inadequately prepared outside enforcement groups

What the Resolution DOES NOT Do

Does not prevent ICE from enforcing federal immigration law

Does not declare Medina County a “sanctuary county”

Does not block cooperation with criminal warrants or court orders

Does not prohibit information sharing required by law

Summary

No County Resources for Civil Immigration Enforcement: County funds, personnel, and facilities will not be used to enforce civil immigration violations, which are a federal responsibility.

No ICE Access Without Proper Legal Authority: ICE interviews or jail access require a judicial warrant or court order.

Protects Victims and Witnesses: Local law enforcement remains focused on crime prevention and response, not immigration status, helping all residents feel safe reporting crimes.

Compliance With the Law: Medina County continues to comply with all federal and Ohio laws while clearly defining what cooperation is legally required.